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PATTON, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PA., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 1929.

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\$2.00 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE.

HIGHWAYMEN GET LONG TERMS IN PENITENTIARY

Piccolo and Powell are Sentenced to Eight and Five Years

Eight years as a minimum was the sentence given Monday to John Piccolo of Johnstown, convicted at the September term of criminal court on charges of highway robbery and entering a store with intent to commit a felony.

Frank Powell, alias "Bull Montana," a former coal and iron policeman and for many years a Johnstown police character, was fined \$500 and costs and sentenced to serve from five to ten years in the Western penitentiary on a charge of highway robbery for which he was indicted jointly with Piccolo.

Piccolo and Powell were tried before Judge Barnhart at the September term of criminal court, but imposition of sentence was deferred pending action upon their motions for new trials.

White Gets Two Years Jack White 42 years, negro, of Johnstown, who pleaded guilty less than a fortnight ago to a charge of voluntary manslaughter in connection with the death, last Nov. 27 of Raymond Harrington, was sentenced Monday to pay the costs and serve from two to four years in the county jail.

White and Harrington engaged in a fist fight at the corner of Bedford and Baumer streets in Johnstown in the early morning hours of last Nov. 27 after an altercation which had started over a card game in a negro resort known as the DeLuxe club on the corner of Johnstown.

White admitted that he had knocked the white man to the ground, where his head struck the concrete sidewalk. Harrington's skull was fractured and he did not regain consciousness prior to his death in Memorial hospital some 12 hours later.

Fred Lynn, convicted last week of keeping a gambling house and of being a common gambler, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and to serve six months in jail. Louis Yunker, convicted on a charge of being a common gambler, received a similar sentence. John Hopkins, also convicted of being a common gambler, was given six months in jail and a fine of \$50.

All three are negroes and were connected with the DeLuxe club in Johnstown. James Bullock of Johnstown was sentenced Monday morning to serve six months in the Allegheny county workhouse. Bullock was brought before the court on an attachment for refusing to obey an order of the court in a desertion and non-support case.

John Cantalope of Spangler, who was found guilty last week of an offense against morality and serve not less than four months nor more than two years in jail.

Sylvester Kelly of Ambsry pleaded guilty Monday to an offense against morality and received the usual sentence.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. M. H. Jones, pastor. A new furnace has been installed in place of an old one and is being operated to heat the church. The new furnace will be in working order this coming Sunday. Everybody invited to be at the services.

Sunday Service at Reilly Baptist Mission. 9:00 A. M. School followed by preaching by the Pastor. 10:30 A. M. Bible School and preaching by the Pastor. 6:00 P. M. B. Y. P. M. President Miss Lucy Baker.

7:30 P. M. Preaching by the Pastor. Wednesday evening at 7:30. Prayer and Bible Study. The church where you are a stranger but once.

Rev. Jones and family are now living at 306 Palmer Avenue.

SPANGLER HOSPITAL NOTES William Geist, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Geist of Emigh, is reported improving from injuries suffered ten days ago in an automobile accident.

Mary Kline, of Nicktown, a medical patient, is reported improving nicely. Joseph O'Leary of Patton has been admitted for treatment of a fracture of the leg.

Improvement is reported in the condition of John Shuty of Hastings, who underwent an appendicitis operation recently. Mary Versella of Patton underwent an operation for the removal of tonsils and adenoids.

Mrs. Michael Toke of Bakerton has been admitted for medical treatment. Mrs. John G. Falcho, of West Hagee avenue, had as her week-end guest, Miss Beatrice Falcho, who is employed in Altoona.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY ASHVILLE A. O. H.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians of Cambria county held a board meeting at Ashville, Sunday, with about 200 members of the order attending County President P. Mahon of Nanty-Glo was in charge of the meeting and the speakers included the Rev. Father I. J. Denny, pastor of St. Thomas' Catholic church; Mr. Repper, Pittsburgh; J. M. Kinney, Twin Rocks, and Edward McMonahan, Pittsburgh.

Frank P. Hollern of Johnstown, state chairman of Irish history, installed the officers of division 7, which was organized at Ashville two weeks ago. The officers are as follows: President, Thomas Holtern; vice president, Joseph Cowley; recording secretary, Joseph Branigan; financial secretary, Thomas McCool; and treasurer, William J. Hollern. After the meeting, members of the Ashville division served refreshments.

An initiation of fourth degree members will be held at Ashville next month and it is likely that the entire staff of state officers will attend. The Poitaville degree team will exemplify the degree. The next county board meeting will be held next March in the Catholic High School Johnstown.

EBENSBURG PRINTER IS FOUND GUILTY BY JURY

The December term of criminal court came to a close Saturday afternoon when a jury in President Judge Evans' court returned a verdict of guilty in the case of G. Herman Smith, formerly of Ebensburg on a charge of adultery. Counsel for the defendant insisted on a new trial and sentence was withheld pending disposition of this petition. Smith while in the courtroom was served with notice that a charge of desertion and non-support had been filed against him. He has a wife and three children in Ebensburg, but some months ago he went to Reno, Nev. for the purpose of establishing a residence and obtaining a divorce, it is said. When the adultery charges were entered against him some weeks ago, Asst. County Detective John J. McLawish went to Reno with extradition papers from Gov. Fisher and brought Smith to the Ebensburg jail to await trial.

A jury in Judge Reed's court Saturday afternoon returned a verdict of "not guilty but pay the costs" in the case of C. P. Turley, charged with aggravated assault and battery preferred by Ralph McCloskey. The case grew out of a collision of automobiles on the road between Johnstown and South Fork.

The case against Percy Shank, involving charges of larceny by bailie, which had been scheduled for trial Friday, was continued until the 4th of March in the criminal court, H. G. Steele is the prosecutor.

BETROTHED PAIR IN TWO MISHAPS, JOINED BY DEATH

Fate whisked through the Lincoln Coal Co. mine at Nanty-Glo and joined in death Charles E. Beal and the girl he was to marry Christmas day. The young man, aged 19, was killed instantly when caught under a motor in the Lincoln operations at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Several weeks ago young Beal and Miss Hannah Jones, aged 19, and also courted in the absence of their intention to wed and set Christmas day as the time for the nuptials. But the bride-to-be died in the Memorial hospital Thursday evening of last week as the result of internal injuries suffered in a swimming accident Dec. 4. Miss Jones whose funeral was held Sunday, was dressed in the gown she was to have worn to the altar.

Young Beal who had been employed regularly as a miner, was acting as a sprayer Monday in the absence of a fellow employe. Although there were no eye-witnesses to the tragedy, it is believed that he slipped and fell beneath the motor while getting off at a switch. Beal was dead when taken from under the motor which had to be raised to permit the body to be extricated.

The young man was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Beal, who had been residents of Nanty-Glo for several years before leaving that place about six months ago to locate in Buffalo. The Beal family are natives of Somerset county, having resided in the vicinity of Meyersdale prior to coming to Nanty-Glo.

ST AUGUSTINE NOTES Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Hoover of Huntingdon were callers here recently. Adrian Ivory of Chest Springs was a caller here on Saturday.

Joseph O'Leary, former of near here suffered a broken limb while at work at his home on Saturday.

Louis Adams has concluded a business trip to Dean.

Marcellus Wharton and family were guests of relatives in Altoona on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. E. J. Hoover and daughter Mercedes were callers in Altoona recently. Patrick Mulligan has returned from Cleveland Ohio, where he had been on a business mission.

Joseph Bebe and Ira Dunegan of Chest Springs were here on Friday hunting.

Miss Alice Nagle of the Patton High School spent the week end here at her home.

Ernest Hollen and family of Chest Springs called on local relatives on Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Nagle is spending the week-end in Altoona with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Horne and family were guests of relatives in Cresson on Sunday evening.

LOCAL AND STATE NEWS OF INTEREST

Condensed Items Gathered from Various Sources for the Busy Reader.

The marriage of Miss Ethel Myers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Myers of Hastings, and Gary Leamer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leamer of Cherrytree, was solemnized recently in Somerset by the Rev. N. A. Pierce. Mr. and Mrs. Leamer will make their home in Hastings.

The reduction of electric rates of the Penn Central Co. as announced in a large ad in last week issue, is a real Christmas gift to the people. This company is one of the fairest and most reasonable in its charges for electric current in existence and has most conspicuous management. Such concessions as this and the Bell Telephone company are a blessing to the country.

John Binder who with the Paul Construction Company for some time, will locate in New York City about the first of the New Year, when he will take a position as accountant for a large concern in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Binder occupied an apartment in the Binder Hardware building since their marriage, which they will soon vacate.

Barnesboro folks will participate in a big Christmas party to be given by the Cresson Club shortly after the 25th of this month. There will be a Christmas tree Santa Claus will be president to distribute the gifts, and an elaborate program of music will be carried out. The party will be for members and friends. An orchestra has been engaged for the evening.

Gervase Beck, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Beck of Cassandra, died in Mercy hospital at 11:30 o'clock Friday night of a complication of ailments, having been admitted to that institution Nov. 21. He survived by his parents, one sister and three brothers.

Irene Barbalish two-week-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Barbalish, died at the parental home at Beaverdale at 9 o'clock Saturday night. Death was caused by pneumonia.

CIVIL WAR VETERAN DIES AT HASTINGS

James Campbell, aged 82 years a Civil War veteran and former Justice of the Peace of Hastings, died at his home in Hastings at 5:45 Friday morning. Death was attributed to a complication of ailments.

During the Civil War he served in Company D, 176th Infantry Regiment. Mr. Campbell was Justice of the Peace for four terms. He had lived in Hastings for the last 40 years. Mr. Campbell was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and came to this country 25 years ago.

Mr. Campbell's wife preceded him to the grave 14 years ago. He is survived by three daughters—Miss Catherine Campbell a staff nurse at the Jefferson Hospital Philadelphia; Margaret, wife of Isadore Philander and Mrs. Rose Franklin, all of Hastings. Three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held on Monday at 9 o'clock in St. Bernard's Catholic Church, with a solemn high mass and requiem in the church cemetery.

PAUL F. BEITER, 32 WIMORE NATIVE DROWNING VICTIM

Returning to Carteret, N. J., after a brief visit at his home at Wilmore, Paul F. Beiter, aged 32, a veteran of the world war, was drowned last Sunday at midnight at New York City when he fell overboard from a ferryboat. His body has not been recovered, according to the latest word received at Wilmore.

Two brothers Faber Beiter, who is cashier of the First National bank of Beaverdale, and Howard Beiter, who with the deceased, was employed at Carteret, were passengers on the ferry when the fatal accident occurred. In company with his two brothers and several other men, Mr. Beiter started across the water in the vessel. He left his companions about the time the ferry reached midstream, saying that he wanted a breath of fresh air, and it is believed that, going too close to the rail, he was thrown overboard in a sudden lurch of the boat.

Faber Beiter returned to Wilmore Monday after riding in the first frantic search for his brother.

Paul F. Beiter was the son of Mrs. Lucinda Faber Beiter and the late Lewis Beiter who died about six months ago. He enlisted in the army in April 1917 and served overseas until the armistice. He was a member of St. Bartholomew's Catholic church of Wilmore and the Wilmore American Legion post. In addition to his mother and two brothers, he is survived by one sister, Miss Thecla Beiter, who is employed in the First National bank of Portage.

FUNERAL OF HANNAH JONES

Funeral service for Miss Hannah Jones 19-year-old daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth (Kephart) Jones, who died Thursday night at the Memorial Hospital, Johnstown as the result of injuries received in a coasting accident December 4, were held Sunday. The funeral cortege left Nanty-Glo in the morning and went to Brisbin, Clearfield County, where services were held in the afternoon. Burial was in the Brisbin Cemetery.

PATTON BOROUGHS IS NOW IDENTIFIED BY ROOF - MARKER

The Daniel Guggenheim Fund For The Promotion Of Aeronautics of New York some months ago requested the Post Office Department at Patton to identify our town by having a roof-marker, the work to be turned over to some organization in the borough for which they would receive an expression of gratitude signed by Colonel Charles A. Leadbetter. The matter was promptly referred to the Patton Borough Council, which body agreed very favorably to the identification of Patton for the promotion of aerial navigation.

West week the name of Patton in large yellow letters was placed on each side of the Pennsylvania Railroad Station a route usually followed by planes, especially when they are driven from there course. The fact that this roof-marker is on a low building it is very visible to motorists, entering or leaving the borough which makes it an asset to our town.

The Patton Borough Council are to be complemented for their interest in placing Patton on the map to Aerial Navigation.

ROBERT J. STOLTZ DIED ON THURSDAY

Robert James Stoltz, the twenty-two months' old son of Mr. and Harry Stoltz died at the parental home on West side of the Patton on Thursday evening of last week, of pneumonia. The child had been ill for ten days, and its condition was critical from the time of contracting the disease.

Mr. Stoltz is proprietor of the Ford Garage and expressed his sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved parents in their loss. One brother, Louis, also survives the child.

The funeral services were held on Monday morning at nine o'clock with high mass in St. Mark's church, this place, and interment was in the church cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish through the columns of the Courier to express our sincere thanks to all those who assisted us during our recent bereavement, the illness and death of our beloved son, Robert James and also extend our appreciation to those who contributed floral offerings and donated the use of their cars for the funeral—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stoltz.

CRESSON ORPHANS GIVEN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREAT

St. John's 4th St. Mary's orphanages at Cresson gave the boys and girls a Christmas treat from St. Mark's guild of Altoona, 12 automobile loads of members of the guild conveying the articles to the institutions. Leo Holland played Santa Claus and distributed the high mass in St. Mark's church, this place, and interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Hoover was employed as a coal miner. He died three months ago. He is survived by these children: Philip W. and Elmer Hoover, both of Spangler; Mrs. Margaret Ballet of this place, and Mrs. Jennie Rager, of Spangler. He also leaves these sisters: Mrs. William Gray, Mrs. Peter Nangle, both of Hastings; Mrs. Michael Pringle of Patton and Mrs. Robert Burns, of Allport, near Barnesboro.

Funeral services were held yesterday at 9 o'clock in Holy Cross Catholic Church, Spangler, Burial was in the St. Benedict's Cemetery Carrolltown.

LET HAPPINESS AND GOOD CHEER PREVAIL DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Members of the faculties of both institutions were remembered by the guild. The party left Altoona at 1 o'clock and spent the remainder of the day at the orphanages.

BE CAREFUL OF FIRE

Christmas Eve will arrive shortly and throughout the Commonwealth thousands of glistening trees will be trimmed morrow's toys and gifts for the little ones who tucked away in their beds happily anticipate the visitation of their beloved Santa Claus.

Make this Christmas Holiday carefree and joyous by adopting stringent precaution against the possibility of casualties by fire. Do this by caution and the avoidance of use of other than metallic or asbestos material for decorative purposes.

Many entertainments will be given in homes, churches schools and other places where crowds will assemble. Avoid the dangerous use of lights in inflammable decorations; they make easy and quick fires. Under no circumstances permit decorations to be placed near candle lights or gas jets.

Do not permit children to light or relight candles. Frequently clothing or tree is set afire. Always extinguish candles before beginning the removal and distribution of gifts. Better no lights at all than to run the risk of an innocent child losing its life through neglect to observe this precaution which is one of safety.

Where possible electricity only should be used for lighting trees or for decorative purpose. Wiring should be done by a competent electrician.

Avoid mechanical toys requiring alcohol, gas or other inflammable liquids to operate them. Do not permit matches to be placed within reach of children. Caution visitors who smoke to avoid throwing lighted cigars, cigarette stubs or matches about in a careless manner.

Have placed convenient for emergency use, a fire extinguisher or bucket of water. Christmas is and by all rights should be a time of joy and good cheer. Everybody forward to it year by year and hearts should be gladdened and not saddened on this day by the burning of a home or injury of loved ones through carelessness. Have merriment and plenty of it and avoid mourning by sensible precaution.

PAULINE FREDERICK IN 'EVIDENCE'

Coming to The Grand Theatre On Christmas Day, and Thursday

"Evidence" the new Warner and Vitaphone all talking picture starring Pauline Frederick, coming next Wednesday (Christmas Day) and Thursday to the Grand Theatre is the story of circumstantial evidence so overwhelming that it could not be doubted, and yet absolutely misleading.

It is the story of the wrecking of a happy home because a husband's faith was not stronger than his doubts. The husband, played by William Courtney, is an English barrister and "evidence" to him is indisputable. His wife's protestation of innocence is futile. He divorces her. A tremendous shock is necessary to jar the husband into a realization of the wrong he has done his wife and child.

As a stage play "Evidence" had tremendous success in New York and London some years back—and now talking pictures brings its violent denunciation of circumstantial evidence to a vastly increased audience.

Miss Frederick is supported by William Courtenay, Conway Tearle, Lowell Sherman, Madelyn Seymour, Alec B. Francis, Lionel Belmore, Master Fred, die Burke Frederick and Ivan Simpson.

"Divorce Evidence" by J. DuRocher Mac Pherson, J. Grubb Alexander did the scenario. John G. Adolfi directed.

SPANGLER MINER FOUND DEAD ALONG HIGHWAY

Presumably the victim of a "hit and run" motorist, George E. Hoover, aged 56 years, a widower, residing in Spangler, was found dead about 6:30 o'clock Monday morning along the main highway between Spangler and Hastings. Discovery of the lifeless body was made by several children on their way to church. Chief County Detective Ed Whited, of Barnesboro, was summoned to the scene.

An examination of Hoover's body disclosed that he had suffered fractures of the skull and jaw, possible fracture of the neck and deep wounds of the head and face.

Mr. Hoover was last seen about 8 o'clock Saturday evening. Charles Hogan, of Cherrytree, who was seen with Hoover on Saturday night, was taken into custody by Detective Whited Sunday and lodged in the Barnesboro lockup for questioning. Hoffman was released from custody Monday, the charge being made to connect him with the crime. The investigation will be continued by the county and Barnesboro authorities in hope of running down the supposed guilty motorist.

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JAMES H. ALLPORT MADE ARBITRATOR IN NATIONAL PANEL

James H. Allport Barnesboro engineer, has been selected to serve as arbitrator in local commercial disputes which are submitted to arbitration under the rules of the American Arbitration Association. Mr. Allport's appointment to the National Panel of Arbitrators of the Association was announced at Barnesboro last Thursday by Lucius R. Eastman, President from its headquarters, 512 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Mr. Allport is a prominent consulting mining engineer by profession and has wide business connections in Pennsylvania and New York. He is President and Director of the First National Bank and a Director of the Star Publishing Company and the Barnesboro Building and Loan Association. He also serves as President and Director of the Rich Hill Coal Company, Hastings, as Vice President and Director of the Crescent Refractories Company and Director of the Titan Metal Company, both of Bellefonte and as Director of the Huntingdon and Clearfield Telephone Company. Mr. Allport's New York connections are as Directors of the following: Pennsylvania Forest Corporation, Coalition Corporation and Big Sandy Fuel Company.

As business men are rapidly recognizing an arbitration agency, an expensive and amicable means of settling their commercial controversies, the ever-enlarging National Panel of Arbitrators of the American Arbitration Association now has a membership of over 7,000 business and professional men whose services are available in more than 1,700 centers. This form of public service, it is pointed out by the Association, is of particular value at this time when effort is being concentrated to stabilize business structure.

The arbitrators serve without compensation and are chosen for their qualifications to arbitrate disputes in their communities and in the trades and professions which they represent. The American Arbitration Association, under the Federal Arbitration Act and the proper jurisdiction, supervises all tribunals conducted by the arbitrators.

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The program which the Freshman class was to give on Friday was postponed until the second Friday in January. The High School will be entertained by the talent picked from the three upper classes, on Tuesday morning.

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RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

Patton, Pa., Nov. 18 1929. At a meeting of the Board of Directors of The First National Bank of Patton, Pa., the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution Time has again wrought a change in the personnel of the Board of Directors of The First National Bank of Patton. John Ott, who for fifteen years sat as a director at our counsel table, has been summoned to the great beyond. He has answered the last call and has made his final report. John Ott was a pioneer in northern Cambria County, he having located upon a farm overlooking the present town of Patton, Altoona, eighty years ago, where he tilled the soil, raised his family, worshipped his God and did no man aught of harm. He belonged to that old school of sturdy stock, to whom honesty and integrity was the paramount law and rule of life. As a director of this bank he was loyal to his duty, and a fit guardian over the funds of the patrons of the bank. His early habits of labor and thrift taught him the value of a dollar and in later years, while in affluent circumstances, his early habits followed him through life. As a director of this bank, he was a prudent and always mindful of the safety of a loan or the intrinsic value of a security purchased.

We shall miss John Ott as an outstanding citizen of our community. We shall miss his presence at our meetings. We shall miss his counsel and cautious advice upon matters financial. And while we miss him, we bow in humble submission to the will of the Supreme Ruler of the universe, who for eighty nine years guided and guarded this old man's life and in whose presence he now takes delight.

It is therefore resolved by the Board of Directors of The First National Bank of Patton, that in the death of John Ott this bank has lost an ardent patron and friend, a capable and conscientious financial director, and his family a kind and loving father.

Be it further resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the bank and a copy, under the seal of the bank, be delivered to the bereaved family.

We hereby certify that the following is a true extract from the minutes of said meeting.

Attest: George E. Prindle, President. F. L. Brown, Cashier and Secretary of Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Plus Anna and children were the guests of Altoona friends on Saturday.

PATTON HIGH SCHOOL NOTES OF THE WEEK

As Reported to the Courier by Jim Shannon of the Student Body.

The winners of prizes in the contest of Fire Prevention themes were announced on Thursday of last week by Mr. Fosman, President of the first group consisting of the 3-4-5 and 8th grades the winners were: First Prize Leopold Vendicker. Second Prize Mary Colberg. Third Prize Dack Gill.

In the second group consisting of the 7th, 8th and 9th grades: First Prize Catharine Cowher. Second Prize Albert Petrunyok. Third Prize Allen Somerville. Honorable Mention Anna Micklek.

In the third group, consisting of the Sophomore Juniors and Seniors: First Prize Betty Somerville. Second Prize George Somerville. Third Prize Laverna Franklin. Honorable Mention Anna Micklek.

The first prizes consisted of two dollars and a half second prize, one dollar and a half, and third prize, one dollar. The money was supplied by the Patton Fire Company.

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